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In re Appln. Of: RHEINLANDER et al

Serial No. 09/768,635

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For: SKIN FOR AUTOMOTIVE AIR BAG COVER . . .

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The Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT B IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sirs:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2002.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) has been simultaneously filed with this response.

A Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time to respond to the outstanding Office Action of April 23, 2002 is enclosed. Re-examination and reconsideration is requested.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Once Amended) A skin for an automotive interior panel, the interior panel including an air bag deployment portion; the skin comprising:
- a main body skin portion adapted to cover at least a portion of the automotive interior panel surrounding the air bag deployment portion of the panel, the main body skin portion comprising a first plastic material and an opening comprising an edge;